

HOUSE RESOLUTION 248
By Westmoreland

A RESOLUTION to honor Representative Richard S. Venable for his outstanding service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should honor those colleagues who during their tenure in the General Assembly have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion, and whose professionalism and competence will serve as a benchmark for future legislators; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard Venable has been an important presence on Capitol Hill for three terms and six years as a member of the House of Representatives; his illustrious legislative career will regretfully come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 1996 session of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly as he answers the tantalizing call of retirement; and

WHEREAS, beginning his meritorious service in the House of Representatives in 1991, Richard Venable has distinguished himself as a highly respected leader and an effective public servant; and

WHEREAS, as an exemplary member of the House, Representative Venable has been an astute and eager participant in the legislative process as a member of the Committees on Commerce, Government Operations and Rules; and

WHEREAS, he has also served adroitly and with purpose as Republican Whip during the 98th and 99th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, serving the good people of Sullivan and Johnson Counties with the utmost integrity and probity, Representative Venable has been the distinguished recipient of several awards for his proficient legislative service; and

WHEREAS, ever the one to shoulder the mantle of civic responsibility, Representative Venable is a generous and concerned member of his community, and he has made significant contributions to many civic, religious and charitable organizations, including the Indian Spring Optimist Club, Indian Spring Ruritan Club, Board of Directors of First Community Credit Union, National Classification Committee of ATA (1976-77), Judicial Council (1985-89), Board of Directors of Safe House, Inc., Rotary Club and Kingsport Jaycees, which he served astutely as Director; and

WHEREAS, he has graciously and effectively served his party as a member of the Sullivan County Republican Executive Board and as the Sullivan County Republican Chairman; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and accolades aside, he is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Phyllis, and their two children; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd House District has been well represented by this prominent legislator as he served in every capacity with acumen, industry and humanity; and

WHEREAS, Representative Venable will be long remembered as an advocate and crusader for good, responsive government and the concerns of working people; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard Venable has been a staple figure on Capitol Hill; he is a gentleman whose talent and energy will seldom be equaled and, without question, he will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the friends and colleagues of this outstanding public servant should specially honor him and recognize his numerous accomplishments and contributions to our great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we express our heartfelt

thanks and appreciation to Representative Richard S. Venable for his innumerable services to Tennessee, and we honor him for his distinguished career as a member of this General Assembly.

BE TO FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Representative Venable our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.